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1. Nam	e			
historic Peabo	ody Township Carnegie	Library		
and or common	Same			
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	214 Walnut			not for publication
city, town Pea	abody	vicinity of		
state Kansa	as code	20 county	Marion	code 115
3. Clas	sification			
Category district _X building(s) structure site object	Ownership X public private both Public Acquisition N/A in process N/A being considered	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible X yes: restricted yes: unrestricted	Present Use agriculture commercial X educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Proper	tv		
name Peabo	ody Township			
street & number	300 N. Walnut			
city, town	eabody	vicinity of	state	Kansas 66866
5. Loca	ation of Lega	I Description	on	
courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc. Marion	n County Clerk		
street & number	Marion County Court	thouse		
city, town Ma	arion		state	Kansas 66861
6. Rep	resentation i	in Existing	Surveys	
NI / A				
		has this pro	perty been determined el	igible? yes _X _no
date N/A			federal sta	te county local
depository for s	urvey records	Y.	05)	
city town	A		state	N/A

Condition X excellent good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one unaltered X altered	Check one X original site moved date	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

The Peabody Township Carnegie Library (c. 1914) is located at 214 Walnut in Peabody, Marion County, Kansas (pop. 1,474). The one-story, brick, Neo-Classical building stands on a corner lot one block north of Peabody's central business district. Its facade orientation is west. The building measures approximately fifty-six feet from north to south and forty feet from east to west. It retains its original function as a library.

The one-story, grey brick building sits on a raised foundation with a limestone base. It is a rectangular structure with a ridge hipped roof. Three bays comprise the building's facade and rear, it is one bay deep. A parapetted entryway pavilion projects from the facade's center bay. A masonry entablature comprised of a multiply moulded limestone architrave, a brick frieze, and a multiply moulded, dentilled, limestone cornice concludes the wall treatment on the facade, north and south elevations. The original roofing material has been replaced with asphalt or fiberglass shingles, probably in 1979.

The projecting entryway pavilion contains a recessed, transomed, double door surmounted by a cornice and a pair of stained glass windows. Double screen doors front the main wood and glass doors, both sets of doors appear to be original. An original clear glass transom surmounts the door. A limestone frieze bearing the inscription "Carnegie" stands above the transom, surmounted by a multiply moulded limestone cornice supported by scrolled limestone consoles. Two rectangular stained glass windows with wooden frames pierce the wall above the cornice, underscored by a thick limestone sill. The multi-colored dark glass is arranged in a repeating geometric design. These windows are original.

The brick pillars which form the pavilion support a limestone frieze bearing the carving "Peabody Library". The aforementioned cornice surmounts the frieze, which is in turn, surmounted by the pavilion's parapet. Two brick end blocks with limestone capping flanked by a limestone balustrade form the parapet. Limestone Doric capitals mark the pillars, the capitals merge with the building's limestone architrave. A carved limestone wreath with an open book inside of it ornament each pillar below its capital. A flush limestone tablet underscored by a recessed limestone table stand beneath each wreath. An arched recession with brick upper surrounds stand beneath the tablets on each pillar. A cast iron light sconce with a milk glass bowl projects out of each recession. Stone steps lead up to the doorway. These treatments are original.

Two identical window bays flank the facade's pavilion. Slightly recessed wall space holds the first and basement level fenestration. The recessions are flanked by pillar like wall units that emanate from a limestone base and conclude in the building's entablature. A tripartite, 1/1 double hung window unit with stained glass transoms pierces the first level wall space of each bay. A limestone sill which runs the length of the recession underscores the windows. The stained glass transoms employ the same multi-colored, dark glass and repeating geometric design as the pavilion windows do. A single brick course marks the top of the recession, jointing just below the building's architrave. A tripartite, 1/1 double hung window unit pierces the foundation below the first level windows. A single brick course marks the recession above the basement level

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windows. Aluminum frame storm windows cover the original wooden framed windows but the transoms are exposed.

Three, 1/1 double hung windows with transoms and limestone sills fenestrate the first level of the north elevation. The two most western transoms are stained glass, employing the same multi-colored, dark glass and repeating geometric design as the pavilion and The facade transom windows do. The most eastern transom is clear glass. Aluminum framed storm windows cover the original wooden window frames but the transoms are exposed. One-over-one, double hung windows with brick lintels pierce the foundation below the first level windows. A basement door surmounted by a limestone pediment pierces the center east part of this elevation.

Three small groups of tripartite, 1/1 double hung windows pierce the upper wall space of the southern elevation. Detached limestone lintels surmount the window groupings, limestone sills underscore them. A pair of 1/1 double hung windows with aluminum framed storm windows pierce the foundation's outer wall space on the southern elevation. Brick lintels surmount the windows, limestone sills underscore them.

Eight, 1/1 double hung windows with stained glass transoms pierce the first level wall space of the rear elevation. Jack arches surmount the windows, limestone sills underscore them. The multi-colored, dark stained glass and repeating geometric design used for the transoms is found on the transoms throughout the building. Aluminum framed storm windows cover the original wooden sashes but the transoms are exposed. Smaller, 1/1 double hung windows with jack arches pierce the foundation, below some of the first level windows.

The interior of the building retains its original floor plan and vestibule entrance. The first floor ceiling retains its beaming. The interior woodwork, such as door and window surrounds, is retained as are the original tables and chairs.

8. Significance

Period		community planning conservation economics X education engineering exploration/settleme	law literature military music nt philosophy	religion science sculpture X social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	c. 1914	Builder/Architect A.A	. Crowell - Architect	
			. Stauffer - Builder	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Peabody Township Carnegie Library (c. 1914) is being nominated to the National Register as part of the Carnegie Libraries of Kansas thematic resources nomination (c. 1902-1921) at the local level of significance under criteria A and C for its historical association with the Carnegie Corporation Library Building Program and for its architectural significance as a new building type. A library association was organized in Peabody in 1874. The community received their \$10,000.00 Carnegie Library grant in 1913, library construction was completed in 1914. The Peabody Township Carnegie Library is an example of the Neo-Classical style.

Sixty-three Carnegie funded libraries were built in Kansas during the first three decades of the Twentieth Century; four of these libraries were built on college campuses. In most cases, the Carnegie funded library represented the community's first library building although many Kansas communities had book clubs and library organizations well before the Carnegie Corporation Library Building Program was founded. In the case of the four college libraries, the building represented the first structure which was solely devoted to housing the institution's books and providing study space. Carnegie did not solicit interest in the program, with the exception of the Anderson (Carnegie) Memorial Library which was built by Carnegie as a memorial to his friend John Anderson and was the first college library nationally to receive Carnegie funding. Communities initiated contact with the corporation by letter, indicating their desire for a Carnegie funded library. If the Corporation responded favorably to the request, a firm local commitment to the program's requirements, which generally resulted in a public election in support of the library, followed. Obviously these actions represented a perceived need within the community for a library building and the Carnegie Corporation Library Building Program represented an excellent way to secure the funds to build one. Many of the Carnegie Libraries built in Kansas reflect the high space utilization design guidelines promoted by the Carnegie Corporation after 1910, underscoring the point that before the Carnegie Corporation Library Building Program, few architects and/or builders had experience designing this building type.

Twenty-eight Carnegie Libraries are included in this nomination (see inventory). Twelve Carnegie Libraries have been listed individually on the National Register: Argentine, Case Library (Baker University, Baldwin City), Caldwell, Dodge City, Emporia, Goodland, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Newton, Ottawa, Parsons, and Pittsburg. The Carnegie Library at Arkansas City is included in a downtown historic district. Thirteen Carnegie Libraries have been demolished: Great Bend, Halstead, Hays, Iola, Kansas City, McPherson, Morrison Library (Fairmont College, Wichita), Olathe, Osawatomie, Plainville, Russell, Salina, and Washington. Five Carnegie Libraries have been altered enough to make them ineligible for the National Register: Abilene, Garden City, Hiawatha, Lyons, and Stockton. (The nominations for the Concordia, Eureka, Independence, and Winfield libraries were deferred.) Twenty-two of the nominated libraries retain their original function. All of the buildings are in use or have an active use planned for them. The

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nominated libraries maintain a high to moderate degree of architectural and structural integrity.

Industrialist Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919) and the Carnegie Corporation significantly influenced the development and expansion of public library systems worldwide. Between 1886 and 1921 Carnegie funds assisted in the construction of 1,681 city and 108 college libraries in the United States. As a region, the Mid-West, Kansas included, did not have a well established public library system until the Carnegie Program and ranks highest in the number of communities which obtained Carnegie Libraries nationwide. Out of the forty-six states to participate in the library building program, Kansas ranks approximately eleventh in the number of Carnegie Libraries built. For many Kansas communities, the Carnegie Library represented its first library building, providing an environment that all members of the community could share for the purposes of reading, learning, and education.

Eligibility for Carnegie Library funds rested on several factors. Firstly, the population of the community had to exceed 1,000; in Kansas this indicated at least a second class city status. This population requirement generally resulted in county seat communities applying for and receiving Carnegie Libraries. Some communities with populations less than 1,000 banded together with neighboring communities to achieve the 1,000 mark and applied for township libraries, as in the case of the Peabody and Canton Township libraries. In the case of college libraries this constraint may not have applied, although the four Kansas colleges to receive Carnegie libraries were located in cities which had populations in excess of 1,000 by 1900. Secondly, the applicant had to provide a site for the library. The sites tended to be one or two blocks outside of the community's main business district. Thirdly, the applicant had to provide an annual endowment for the maintenance and improvement of the library which amounted to at least ten percent of the initial grant from the Carnegie Corporation.

This last factor contributed to the ending of the Carnegie Library Building Program in 1917, although grants for books and other improvements continued for several more decades. An inherent problem for second class cities in Kansas was the .4 mill levy restriction for libraries, making it difficult for some communities to meet the annual ten percent maintenance appropriation solely through public dollars. In 1917 the Kansas State legislature increased the library levy to .5 mill for second and third class cities, an amendment which affected most of the communities in the State that had Carnegie Libraries. In 1916, large communities such as Topeka, Wichita, Hutchinson, and Leavenworth had library mill levies of 1.06, 1.2, 1.8, and 3.5 respectively. In Kansas, the average public library grant was \$12,000 and the average college library grant was \$37,000. These monies covered the cost of the building, the necessary furniture and fixtures, and the architects' fees.

Prior to 1910, the Carnegie Corporation did not provide design guidelines for the libraries that it funded and because the library was a relatively new building type, few architects and/or builders had experience with its design. Many of the early libraries

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were expensive examples of the Beaux Arts style with little focus on floor plan and space efficiency. In 1910, Carnegie's personal secretary James Bertram developed model specifications and floorplans for proposed libraries, entitling his work Notes on Library Buildings. The Notes on Library Buildings provided the first widely circulated guidelines for library design in this country.

Bertram wrote:

Small libraries should be pland (sic) so that one librarian can oversee the entire library from a central position.... The bilding (sic) should be devoted exclusively to: (main floor) housing of books and their issue for home use; comfortable accomodations for reading them by adults and children; (basement) lecture room; necessary accommodation for heating plant; also all conveniences for the library patrons and staff. Experience seems to sho (sic) that the best results for a small general library are obtained by adopting the one-story and basement rectangular type of bilding (sic), with a small vestibule entering into one large room sub-divided as required by means of bookcases.... The rear and side windows may be kept about six feet from the floor, to giv (sic) continuous wall space for shelving. A rear wing can be added for stack-room (when future need demands it) at a minimum expense, and without seriously interfering with the library servis (sic) during its construction. The site chosen should be such as to admit lite (sic) on all sides, and be large enuf (sic) to allow extension, if ever such should become necessary.

The thirty-six Carnegie Libraries built in Kansas after 1910 reflect Bertram's precedents, exhibiting high space utilization, and often including full basements, although the raised basement is a design element employed in the earlier libraries as well. Most of these one-story libraries exhibit a three bay, Neo-Classical facade with a projecting central pedimented entry pavilion and are one bay deep. The use of native limestone is evident in some of the libraries but the most common material combination is brick with a limestone foundation. While there is some tendency toward a vernacular interpretation to the design ornamentation of these libraries, the general approach verges on high style.

Correspondence between the Carnegie Corporation and the library boards from the Kansas communities that received Carnegie Libraries indicates that the designs for these libraries were carefully scrutinized by Bertram and in many cases, were resubmitted several times before meeting his requirements. Upon the completion of a library, the library board was instructed to send a full set of blueprints and elevations of the building to the Corporation. However, recent correspondence between the Kansas State Historical Society and the Carnegie Corporation reveals that the Corporation does not have blueprints of the Kansas libraries. The Corporation does have some library photographs but the collection is not inclusive.

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Three architects were particularly active in the design of Kansas Carnegie Libraries: George P. Washburn of Ottawa, Kansas designed nine, A. T. Simmons of Bloomington, Illinois designed six, and William Warren Rose of Kansas City, Kansas designed four. Washburn's libraries are primarily of the standard three-bay, Neo-Classical variety. His firm is credited with the Carnegie libraries in Burlington, Canton, Cherryvale, Columbus, Eureka, Halstead, Osawatomie, Ottawa, and Sterling. Simmons engaged in a more eclectic approach, designing libraries in Abilene, Chanute, Council Grove, Downs, Hays and Yates Center. Rose is credited with the classically inspired libraries in Argentine, Kansas City, Manhattan, and Newton. In Kansas, many Kansas based architects were commissioned to design Carnegie Libraries as well as architects from Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and Texas.

Today, many of the state's Carnegie Libraries are facing serious space shortages. The alternatives of adding on or vacating both present preservation problems. Additions to these libraries must be such that the building's original character is not altered. Vacating the library for a larger facility leaves the problem of an empty building, in some communities county historical societies have inherited the empty Carnegie Library. In any event, when these buildings are no longer recognized from a design standpoint as Carnegie Libraries, their architectural significance ceases.

Inventory of Carnegie Libraries in Kansas

	SITE	DATE	INVENTORY NUMBER
1.	Anthony Public (Carnegie) Library (Harper County) 104 N. Springfield Anthony, Kansas 67003 Owner: City of Anthony Lots 22,23,24; Block 34.	c. 1911	77-0180- 0003
2.	Burlington Carnegie Free Library (Coffey County) 201 N. Third Burlington, Kansas 66839 Owner: City of Burlington Lots 8,9; Block 35.	c. 1912	31-0690-0015
3.	Canton Township Carnegie Library (McPherson County) Box 336 Canton, Kansas 67428 Owner: Canton Township Lots 7,8,9,10,11; Block 2.	c. 1921	113-0790-0001
4.	Chanute Public (Carnegie) Library (Neosho County) 102 S. Lincoln Chanute, Kansas 66720 Owner: City of Chanute Lots 2,3; Block 39.	c. 1906	133-0870-0067
5.	Cherryvale Public (Carnegie) Library (Montgomery County) 329 E. Main Cherryvale, Kansas 67335 Owner: City of Cherryvale Lots 7,8; Block 39.	c. 1913	0930-0005 125 -0939-0006
6.	Clay Center Carnegie Library (Clay County) 706 Sixth Street Clay Center, Kansas 67432 Owner: City of Clay Center Lots 12,13; Block 36.	c. 1912	27-0980-0008

 7.	Coffeyville Carnegie Public Library Building (Montgomery County) 415 West 8th Coffeyville, Kansas 67337 Owner: City of Coffeyville Lots 7,8; Block 47.	c. 1912	125 -2670- 0019
8.	Columbus Public (Carnegie) Library (Cherokee County) 205 N. Kansas Columbus, Kansas 66725 Owner: City of Columbus Lots 9,10; Block 9.	c. 1913	21-1100-0008
9.	Council Grove (Carnegie) Library (Morris County) 303 W. Main Street Council Grove, Kansas 66846 Owner: City of Council Grove Lots 1,2,3; Block 19.	c. 1917	127-1180-0074
10.	Downs Carnegie Library (Osborne County) 504 S. Morgan Downs, Kansas 67437 Owner: City of Downs Lots 8-12; Block 28.	c. 1906	141-1400-0002
11.	El Dorado Carnegie Library Building (Butler County) 101 S. Star El Dorado, Kansas 67042 Owner: Dean Seeber N 4' Lot 3, Lot 4; Block 4.	c. 1912	15-1540-0004
12.	Anderson (Carnegie) Memorial Library (Lyon County) The Way College of Emporia 1300 West 12th Avenue Emporia, Kansas 66801 Owner: Way College of Emporia Located on the Way College of Emporia campus. SW, NE1/4,Sec.9,T19,R11, E. of the 6th p.m., running thence E. 76 rods, thence N. 80 rods, thence W. 76 rods, thence S 80 rods to the	c. 1902	111-1660-0002

Anderson (Carnegie) Memorial Library (Lyon County) cont.

place of beg., except a tract beg. at the S,SW1/4 Sec. 9, thence N. 670 ft., thence E. 540 ft., thence S. 250 ft, thence W. 374 ft., thence S. 420 ft., thence W. 166 ft. to the point of beg. in Lyon Co.,KS and Lots Numbered 61,63,65,67,71, and the N. 30 ft. of Lot F all in Block numbered 3, in College Hill Addition to the City of Emporia.

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13.	Fort Scott Public (Carnegie) Library (Bourbon County) 201 South National Fort Scott, Kansas 66701	C.	1902	11-1830-0016
	Owner: City of Fort Scott			
	Lots 1,(N1/2) 3; Block 123			
14.	Girard Carnegie Library (Crawford County) 128 W. Prairie Girard, Kansas 66743 Owner: City of Girard Lots 17,18; Block 14.	c.	1906	37-2050-0003

15.	Herington Carnegie Public Library (Dickinson County) 102 S. Broadway	c. 1915	41-2420-0006
	Herington, Kansas 67449		
	Owner: City of Herington		
	Lots 2.4: Block 40		

16.	Hutchinson Public (Carnegie) Library Building-	С.	1903-		155-2660-0011
	Labor Temple (Reno County)		1904		
	427 N. Main				
	Hutchinson, Kansas 67501			*	
	Owner: Hutchinson Labor Building Association				

Kingman Carnegie Librar	y (Kingman County)	c. 1914	95-2850-0006
455 N. Main			
Kingman, Kansas 67068			

Owner: City of Kingman Lots 101,103,105; Original Town.

Lots 13,14,15; Block 17.

18.	Lincoln Carnegie Library (Lincoln County) 203 S. Third Lincoln, Kansas 67455 Owner: City of Lincoln Lot 7; Block 32.	c. 1914	105-3189-005
19.	Lyndon Carnegie Library (Osage County) 127 E. Sixth, P.O. Box 563 Lyndon, Kansas 66451 Owner: Valleybrook Township Lots 4-9; Block 22.	c. 1911	139-3360-0003
20.	Manhattan Carnegie Library Building (Riley County) Fifth and Poyntz Manhattan, Kansas 66502 Owner: Riley County Board of Commissioners Lot 413; Ward 2.	c. 1904	161-3490-0016
21.	Osborne Public (Carnegie) Library (Osborne County) Third and Main Osborne, Kansas 67473 Owner: City of Osborne All of Block 12.	c. 1913	141-4230-0006
22.	Oswego Public (Carnegie) Library (Labette County) 704 Fourth Street Oswego, Kansas 67356 Owner: City of Oswego Lots 1,2,3,4; Block 32.	c. 1912	99-4250-0010
23.	Peabody Township Carnegie Library (Marion County) 214 Walnut Peabody, Kansas 66866 Owner: Peabody Township Lots 80,82,84 on Walnut.	c. 1914	115-4410-0024
24.	Sterling Free Public (Carnegie) Library (Rice County) 132 N. Broadway Sterling, Kansas 67579 Owner: City of Sterling Lots 182,184,186,188 on Broadway.	c. 1917	159-5225-0006

25.	Washburn University Carnegie Library Building (Shawnee County) (Education Building) Topeka, Kansas 66621 Owner: Washburn University of Topeka SW1/4, NW 1/4, NE 1/4, SW1/4, S1,T12, R15E	c. 1904	177-5400-0017
26.	Wellington Carnegie Library (Sumner County) 121 W. Seventh Wellington, Kansas 67152 Owner: City of Wellington Lots 13,14,15,16,17; Block 53.	c. 1916	191–5730 -0012
27.	Wichita City (Carnegie) Library Building (Sedgwick County) 220 S. Main Street Wichita, Kansas 67202 Owner: City of Wichita	c. 1915	173-5880-0004
	Lots 24,26,28,30,32,34,36 & 1/2 Vac. Alley Adj. on E. & Vac. Alley Ly. N. Lot 24 Exc. Beg. SE Cor. Lot 34 W 33.98 Ft. N. 100.56 Ft. W. 16.75 Ft. N. 9 Ft. Nwly. 15.36 Ft. W. 6.5 Ft. N. 10 Ft. W. 49 Ft. S. 25 Ft. W. 25 Ft. N. 58.66 Ft. E. to Cen. Li. Vac. Alley		
	on E. Th. S. 115.56 Ft. W. 8 Ft. to SE Cor. Lot 30 S. to Beg. Main St. Greiffenstein's Add.		
28.	Yates Center (Carnegie) Library (Woodson County) 218 N. Main Yates Center, Kansas 66783 Owner: City of Yates Center Lots 4,5,6; Block 27.	c. 1912	207-6010-0007

9. Major Bibli Japhical References

See attached sheet.

10. Geographical Data				
Acreage of nominated property Less than 1 acre				
Quadrangle name Peabody	Quadrangle scale 1:24,000			
UT M References				
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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property stands on Lots 80, 82, 84; Walnut Street (N-even) in Peabody, Kansas. The rectangular tract is bounded by Walnut to the west, Division to the north, and adjacent property lines to the east and south.				
List all states and counties for properties overlapping	state or county boundaries			
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11. Form Prepared By				
name/title Martha Gray Hagedorn, Architectural H	istorian			
organization Kansas State Historical Society	date April 15, 1987			
street & number 120 West 10th Street	telephone 913-296-5264			
city or town Topeka	state Kansas 66612			
12. State Historic Preserva	ation Officer Certification			
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:				
national state X loc				
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the N				
665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the Natio	nal Register and certify that it has been evaluated			
according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Nation	onal Park Service.			
State Historic Preservation Officer signature	MW. Ann			
title Executive Director, Kansas State Histor	ical Society date April 15, 1987			
For MPS use only				
I hereby certify that this property is included in the Natio	onal Register			
	date			
Keeper of the National Register	vale			
Attest:	date			
Chief of Registration	dato			

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